

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I have ordered by mail and it was very convenient. Also the products were of good quality and answered my need AND I could afford them.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

No bad experience, but it adds greatly to the cost — travel / parking / Doctor !!!

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Let's keep this country where I choose what is best for me. It is a foundation of Freedoms.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

I hope you agree that it is my right and my choice.

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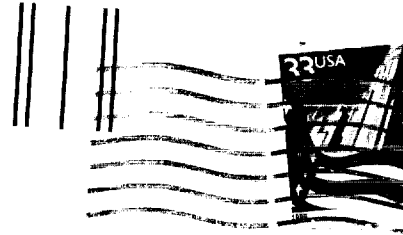
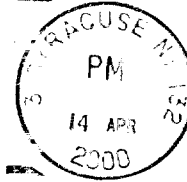
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